

REMARKS

In the Office Action, only Claims 1 and 3 were rejected on the basis of prior art and Claims 2 and 4 are believed to be allowable if the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejection is corrected.

The term “the diameter” in line 11 of original Claim 1 has been amended to read –a diameter– in Claims 2 and 4 which are written in independent form herein. Claims 1 and 3 are cancelled.

A substitute Abstract is also enclosed.

In view of the present amendment, Claims 2 and 4 are believed to be patentable, definite, and in condition for allowance and early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants’ undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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